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MEDIA ADVISORY HEARINGS SUSPENDED IN AQUILA, INC. REQUEST

JEFFERSON CITY--The Missouri Public Service Commission has suspended, until further notice, additional hearing dates set for April 4-8, 2005, in a case filed by Aquila, Inc. seeking Commission authority to construct a new power plant in Cass County.

On January 28, 2005, Aquila, Inc. filed an application with the Missouri Public Service Commission seeking a certificate of convenience and necessity to provide electric service.

Aquila seeks a certificate so that it can build its South Harper Facility and Peculiar Substation in Cass County near Peculiar, Missouri. The South Harper Facility would be a peaking-power production facility. It would have three natural gas-fired combustion turbines. The Peculiar Substation would have associated transmission substations.

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Case No. EA-2005-0248